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Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia

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## PLANS MADE FOR MWC BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK; WALLACE RETIRES

### Bus Trip

A three-day trip to New York City by MWC bus is planned again this year between semesters. Material on this may be obtained in Miss Moran's office and students should sign up early in January to make sure of reservations.

The itinerary will include tours in the city of museums, the United Nations, Radio City, radio and television studios, churches, department stores, et cetera. The entire cost will be between fifty and sixty dollars. This includes transportation, excellent hotel accommodations, meals, admission charges, and balcony seats, probably, to two Broadway shows.

The next issue of the Bullet, January 14, will contain further details.

### Interesting Exhibits Offered By Library

During the year, there have been a series of exhibits in the library in conjunction with prominent speakers who have visited MWC and important campus events.

One of the most interesting exhibits was in connection with the inauguration of Chancellor Simpson. There was a display of books written by and about the artists who were represented in the Mary Washington Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art. Included in the six modern art exhibits were works by or about thirty of the fifty artists whose paintings were in the exhibition. Books by Dr. Ashley Montague, one of the inaugural symposium speakers, and by Dr. Harlan Hatcher, who delivered the address at the inauguration ceremony, were also exhibited.

Present exhibits in the library include one on the problem of the Near East. On display are French and English newspapers which give foreign opinions on the situation, books, and magazines.

An exhibit in conjunction with the convocation program, Choosing Your Career, included the book, *The College Girl Looks Ahead*, by Marguerite Zapoleon. Mrs. Zapoleon was a speaker in the symposium, "Woman, Catalyst of Modern Society."

Christmas greetings come from the library staff in the form of a display. The American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art and Let's Keep Christmas, a sermon by Peter Marshall, are only two of the many books in the library in keeping with the holiday spirit.

### Publicity Plus

Do you believe that the activities of the clubs on campus to which you belong are important and interesting? If one judges by the amount of club news printed in the Bullet the answer to this question must be "no" by many students. The Bullet prints regularly articles dealing with approximately ten of the sixty clubs on campus. The reason for this situation is simple; students evince no interest in promoting the news of their clubs.

If these various organizations have publicity chairmen, they show no signs of life. Often the reporter must trek from one end of the campus to the other, in quest of the few facts essential to one article. If the club activities are worth your time and effort, are they not worth publicizing? Bring your news to 109 Ball.

### Soviet's Changing Role

A forum on the subject "The Soviet's Changing Role" will be held in Monroe Auditorium on Monday, January 7, at 7:00 p. m. Speakers will be Dr. Lindsey, Mrs. Sumner, Julie Harris and Barbara Stanton. Members of the Steering Committee are asked to meet at 6:30.

### Devils Victorious In 48-23 Landslide

The DEVILS, an even-money choice to win the annual GOATS-GOAT game, surprised everyone by smothering the GOATS 48 to 23 in Tuesday's game. It was the DEVILS all the way!

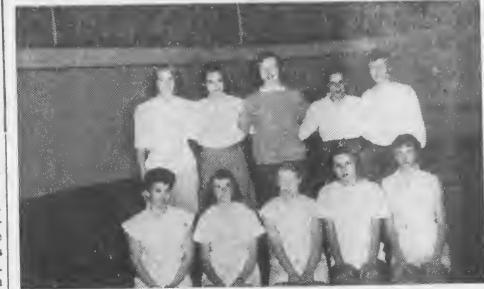
At half time, they led 28-7 and for a little while the GOATS looked like they were going to close the gap, but the sharp-shooting DEVIL forwards were never convinced of a real threat and continued their point barrage. The usually smooth-working GOAT forwards never seemed to get started. Their first blow was the loss of Mary Wiatt, a star forward from Willard I.

In the first half, the ball was stolen from the GOATS repeatedly, and their 7 point output was far below all expectations. The GOAT guards did their best and many times had the DEVIL forwards under control. The combination of Goldberg, Briscoe, Saunders, or Apostolou were excellent. They showed plenty of speed and spirit.

Dottie Scott took scoring honors with 20 points and the DEVIL guards, all six of them, were superb. The DEVILS were just too much for the GOATS, and their poise under pressure was the deciding factor.



Devils



Goats

### Special Tribute Paid To Wallace

A special assembly program was held on Monday, December 3, to pay tribute to William Wallace Alsop, former custodian of GW, who retired last July after 35 years of service at MWC. Appearing on the stage in the red and blue uniform he wore so many times for special campus affairs, Wallace was completely surprised when he was presented two checks and a scroll for his meritorious service. Special appreciation and recognition were extended to Wallace from the administration, student body, and alumnae association, represented by Mr. Woodward, Emmy Heppford, and Mrs. Pitman. To quote John, who took Wallace's place as custodian, "Wallace has been sick but that program really made him feel better. He seemed mighty happy about it all."

### Interlude By Faculty Member Published

The publication of "Interlude" for piano and violin by Mr. Levin Houston of the music department has been announced by the Virginia Music Series and the E. C. Schirmer Music Company of Boston. This composition was one of the ballets from "The Shining Land" composed by Mr. Houston for May Day at MWC several years ago.

### Ellie Gaskins Chosen Navy's Lady in Waiting

Ellie Gaskins, a MWC senior, is "something to be thankful for" in the eyes of the midshipmen from the Naval Academy. Ellie was a runner-up in a contest to choose the Brigade Sweethearts for Army-Navy weekend.

From pictures submitted by the midshipmen in the "Something to Be Thankful For" contest, a Navy Queen and two Ladies-in-Waiting were chosen to be "navy's secret weapon" against Army. This was the first time the Academy had had such a contest and first time that there has been a queen to reign over the Army-Navy football game.

Being a Lady-in-Waiting gave Ellie the honor of being introduced to Admiral Smedberg and Barbara Stanton. Members of the Steering Committee are asked to meet at the game.

### Wreaths

The Physical Therapy Club is making and selling Christmas wreaths to make money for yule gifts to Fredericksburg handicapped children. Cellophane for the bows has been donated by the Avisco plant and pine and holly by the club's faculty sponsor, Miss Anna S. Hoye.

### Pi Nu Chi

This year Pi Nu Chi, the nursing club on campus, has 102 members. The freshmen, 68 in number, were officially welcomed into the club at the annual Christmas party and initiation service held on December 10. Special guests for this occasion were Miss Tyson, the Dean of the University of Virginia School of Nursing, and a group of freshmen students at the school who presented the entertainment.

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**Letter To The Editor**

Recently, distress at the misconduct of the student body at a certain convocation was expressed by members of the administration. The criticism of student behavior at these meetings was well-warranted, because a lack of consideration for a speaker by "young ladies" is never appropriate. One wonders, however, if there is not some lack of consideration for the student body displayed by those who set up the convocation programs.

"Woodrow Wilson and Latin America" may be quite an interesting topic to a devout history or political science major, but how many such students are there in our convocation audiences! The modern classroom trend is to attempt to relate course subject matter to the needs and to the interests of individuals. The above-mentioned topic did not meet the needs and the interests of many in the audience, and the hour was a wasted one for the majority of the students present. The time would have proved much more rewarding to them if it had been spent elsewhere.

On November 28, we had a very meaningful convocation, featuring representatives of various vocational fields. This program found an attentive audience because it met the needs and the interests of the student body.

It appears that the convocation programs in the future should be more carefully planned in order to pertain to the interest of the majority of the student audience. Programs based on student interest should remove most of the inappropriate behavior found at our convocation programs, and, perhaps, there would be less resentment concerning compulsory attendance if an attempt were to be made by the administration to make these programs more meaningful to all the girls of Mary Washington College.

**EDITORIAL**

Recent issues of several leading magazines have included stories and pictures of a student at Northwestern University who was asked to de-pledge from his fraternity, Phi Psi. He was not an ordinary student; he was a Chinese boy, the son of an important Nationalist leader, and his race was the direct cause of his dismissal. This situation in Evanston directs attention to a situation in the Midwest which has been regarded for too long as an exclusively Southern problem.

The fact that little editorial comment has concerned itself with this episode and that it hasn't become a "cause celebre" shows that the attitude of the country as a whole is not consistent. If this situation had occurred at a Southern college or university, and if the boy had been Negro instead of Chinese the whole country would be "up in arms" over the incident. The boy was asked to leave his fraternity because he was Chinese, and because "people were talking about it". He made no answer, he caused no riot. Coming from a Methodist institution, this points up the double standard in relation to the problem of racial tolerance.

The anti-semitism in the East, anti-Negro feeling in the South, and the feeling against the Oriental races on the West Coast are all a part of a problem which has no easy answer. This is just an incident; it will probably have no lasting effect, except perhaps on the "enlightened" college students who caused it, but it is an example of a basic non-tolerance of anyone not like ourselves in race or religion. The very fact that college students were the cause of this unfortunate affair, as they were at the University of Alabama last year, certainly does not speak well for the future. It is, after all, the place of the college student, who supposedly is being educated to adjust to the changing modern world, to lead the way to tolerance in daily life.

**MWC Band Program of Christmas Music Wednesday, December 12, 8:15**

Kamennoi Ostrow	Rubenstein
The Christmas Suite	Waters
The Wizard of Oz Fantasie	Hargurg-Arlen
Woodwind Trio	Haydn
Martha Spiman, Sheila Ammerman, Virginia Fox	Herman
Kiddie Ballet	Herman
Marimba solo-Sonie Kates	Waters
Curtain at Eight	Waters
Winter Wonderland	Bernard
Featuring Anita Swertfeger and Wardell Leacock	Berlin
White Christmas	Berlin

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor:

This is a subject which concerns you, your paper, and the entire student body.

What do you want after four years of college? What do you expect to get from your four years of education at Mary Washington College? Let us tell you what we feel is one of the most important attributes of a college education. RESPONSIBILITY!

Can you honestly say that there is any sense of responsibility entailed in our present class cut system wherein we have no choice in attendance? Class attendance should be the student's responsibility. As students we should become familiar with the process of reasonable selection and its consequences. It is impossible to learn to judge consequences when given no choice.

YOU, the student body, how do you feel? Should there be a revision in the cut system? If so, what are your suggestions? We would like to know.

Sally Bolton, Box 1491

To the Editor:

I wish to commend the Bullet for its recent publication of Frances Hogue's "Letter to the Student Body". If articles of that calibre are printed more frequently, the student body will faster become aware of the need for raising the intellectual standards of the college.

It seems a shame that only a minority of the sixteen hundred women on this campus will graduate with sufficient intellectual knowledge to stimulate them throughout life. On the other hand, how many will graduate with memories of Peanut Pals, Devil-Girl Rivalry, Benefits, Song Contests, and Dorm Decoration.

As an integral part of our campus life how far do these activities go towards preparing a woman for modern day society?

I wonder how many students have given any consideration to their value beyond college?

I am not, however, in favor of doing away with any or all of the said activities. They serve a great purpose in building the spirit of our school; spirit which is hard to find in most colleges today. I am in favor of limiting the emphasis which is placed upon them, and building the emphasis on projects which are equally worthwhile.

For instance, if a program such as Religious Emphasis Week is advocated and publicized on the campus, what effect would a Liberal Arts Week, featuring concerts, plays, art exhibitions, and lectures?

pecially of Robert Louis Stevenson's Christmas Prayer:

"We thank thee for this place in which we dwell, for the peace accorded us this day, for the hope with which we expect the morrow, for the health, the work, the food and the bright skies that make our life delightful; for our friends... Bless us, if it may be in all our innocent endeavors. If it may not, give us strength to encounter that which is to come... and in all changes of fortune... down to the gates..." "loyal and loving one another."

Margaret Hargrove  
Dean of Students

**Christmas Message**

As the Christmas season approaches and you anticipate your return to the joy and affection associated with home life, you will find that with all the gaiety and fun, there will be moments for you of serious reflection about your life in college and your growth as a young person. Just as being away from home has given you an opportunity to appreciate the great debt that you owe the members of your family, so your being at home should give you the opportunity to look with some critical observance upon your life at college. Whether we are aware of it or not, we are at all times seeking to understand and perceive the meaning beneath the immediate experience which we are having. I would like to think that your time at home will afford you the opportunity to talk with your parents and friends about the objectives and purposes of the college and your participation in the way of life and thought that is offered to you at Mary Washington.

Christmas should never be taken as merely a time of gaiety and fun. Though the religious beliefs among our students are numerous, I am certain that we are conscious of the spiritual significance of the Christmas season. Christmas is a beginning or a preparation for something new, a birth or a re-birth of an idea, an acceptance or a re-dedication to an idea that has proved worthwhile. Thus, one should look back upon what has been as well as to look forward to what might be.

Christmas is a religious observance but the coming of the New Year is largely secular. It might be well for all of us to realize that the two celebrations are in many ways but different approaches to a way of life in which we all believe. The idea of New Year's Resolutions is actually a carrying forward of the spirit of Christmas, and I trust that all of us will take seriously the resolutions which we all will make. However, these resolutions must come from sincere reflections about the past as well as an expression of our hopes for the future. I know of no better environment in which this re-assessment of values can be accomplished than when one is among friends and loved ones such as one experiences in the family life at Christmas.

On behalf of the members of the faculty and staff of the College may I extend to you our best wishes that the Christmas season will bring you happiness and joy, but most of all that the return to your home and friends will give you the opportunity to reassure yourself that your life in college in your achievements in college have contributed, and will contribute, to a greater maturing of yourself both intellectually and spiritually in the year ahead.

Christmas 1956

Grellet C. Simpson  
Chancellor

A trumpeter swan breeding pair usually need about a square mile of land and water for seclusion during the nesting season.

A radio-telemetering drift buoy, new kind of drift bottle, has been developed which gives its position when asked to do so.

**Band of Sisters**

It came to the attention of the band members this year that they have something very unusual among them. They realized that they have four sets of sisters in the band. One of these sets is the West twins, Lucy and Cindy, from Butler, Penn. Lucy and Cindy are members of the junior class, and this is their second year of being color guards for the Mary Washington Band.

Two sets of sisters are in the clarinet section: Loretta and Bobbie Hitchings from Virginia Beach, and Marie Koontz and Kathy Koontz from Elkton, Virginia. Loretta is a member of the band for her third year. Bobbie and Marie are seniors. Both have played with the band their entire time at Mary Washington. Kathy is a sophomore and this is her second year with the band.

Another clarinet player and member of the sister group is Katie Flanagan from Princess Anne, Virginia. This is her first year at Mary Washington. Katie's sister is Ann, who is a member of the junior class. Ann has played the bells for the band for three years.

All four sets of sisters are very active in the band and have contributed much in working with it.

**Science Club News**

By Mary Ann R. Moyer

The Science club has been extremely active this year under the leadership of our capable president, Marjorie Maupin. Other officers of this club are Joan Vames, vice president; Mary Dorey, treasurer; Mary Jane Prillman, recording secretary; and Mary Ann Moyer, reporter. Our sponsor is Dr. Cover.

At our last meeting, Irene Picopha and Estelle Pearson were elected as our new corresponding secretaries. A movie was also shown to the group, "Riddle of the Seas," which was about the life of Matthew Fontaine Maury, the man for whom this club was named.

The bake sale held in Chandler on November 26th was a huge success, and another sale is being planned after our Christmas vacation.

Forest insect and disease depredations account for far greater losses to our wood resources than forest fires.

In 1955, French canal and river boats carried a total of more than 58,000,000 tons of materials and merchandise.

**Letter To The Student Body**

It is my understanding that the administration has been receiving many complaints about the types of film being shown at our college. If these complainers had been here three or four years ago when the majority of the films shown were ten to fifteen years old and shown only on infrequent occasions, perhaps they would appreciate being able to see the many fine, up-to-date films we now have. We are the only school in the state in which movies are an extensive part of the recreational program. We should be proud that they are kept on such a high level.

It is generally believed that the criticism has been of a negative nature and that no definite titles have been submitted as recommended substitutes for the films now being shown. Does the problem lie, at least partly, in that many of us are not ready to appreciate a film which is not a "Cinderella Story?"

There are many things in our college that DO need changing, and I am not challenging the right to complain. We must continue to examine, to question, to criticize, but let's stop talking so much about what we don't want and try talking intelligently and constructively about what we do want. This applies to ALL complaints, not just those directed toward the films.

M. P. '58

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

This coming weekend each one of us will be leaving Mary Washington for Christmas vacation. Some of us will go by train, some by car, and some by plane—we will travel north, south, east, and west. But no matter what mode of transportation we use, which direction we travel, or how many hours elapse before we reach our destination—we're all going home with the same purpose in mind, to observe and celebrate Christmas with those whom we love.

During this approaching holiday season as we celebrate Christmas in our respective homes, let us not forget the true deep, abiding significance. It is

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

The **Bullet** would like to secure the aid of the student body in determining their reaction to the present publication, and their suggestions about the newspaper. Please fill out the following blank and leave it in Ball 109.

1. What is your first reaction when you get the **Bullet**?

2. Why did you, or did you not, subscribe to it?

3. What kind of articles do you like most; dislike most?

4. What do you think could be done to improve the general character of the newspaper?

Thank you,

The Bullet Staff

a time of giving—not merely of gifts, but of one's love and joy. In a recent issue of IDEALS, Anne Campbell beautifully expresses her interpretation of Christmas:

"Friendship grows deeper in the Christmas season.

Old friends come back, and with significance

New ones appear. There seems an added reason

To value friendship's happy circumstance.

Wreaths on the door are green, and have no ending.

Like friendship. Candles glow with loving light.

The shopping crowds are cheerful, and a blending

Of joy and wistfulness makes Christmas bright.

It is a time to count, not gifts, but treasures

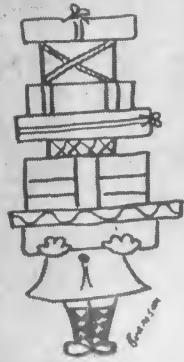
With deeper values brightening our store.

In a new world where hate crowds Christmas pleasures

From many lands, we prize our love done more."

To each one of you I extend my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and much happiness throughout the coming year.

Emmy Hefford



**SHOP EARLY  
FOR  
CHRISTMAS**

A new dimming device, or lamp control, makes it possible to dial the amount of light you want from any lamp.

**Seniors Placement****Folders Wanted**

**Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**

**Prof's Rostrum**

(Editor's Note: The purpose of the Bullet's new column, "Prof's Rostrum," will be to present to the Student Body thought-provoking articles written by professors. We hope that students and faculty alike will find interest in this new series, and will follow it attentively.)

By Dr. H. Lynn Womack

(Dr. Womack is the new psychology and philosophy professor on campus this year who comes to Mary Washington after teaching for three years at George Washington University. Dr. Womack, a native Mississippian, received his A. B. and M. A. degrees from George Washington, and his Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins University. He studied also at the Washington School of Psychiatry. Dr. Womack is president of Phi Sigma Tau, the National Honor Society in philosophy. One of his main interests at present is the problem of the application of psychology to ethics.)

Any scheme for the classification of college students in terms of their intellectual orientation is, of necessity, arbitrary and to that degree misleading. We may, however, distinguish at least three groups: the indifferent ones, the cynical ones, and the authoritarian ones. All of these have one thing in common: the systems of values and meanings which constitute the spiritual and intellectual heritage of the Western world have lost their power over them.

The largest group, the indifferent ones, is composed of those whose chief concern is that they should adapt themselves to the demands of society and its conventional valuations. These individuals have embraced the norms of the dominant groups in matters personal, religious, and political; not because they either believe in or actually care about their specific content, but because they have accepted an ideal of adjustment to the given. The

members of this group all too frequently believe that any change will lead to chaos and are unwilling to see that their belief in a "dynamic dogma" is a contradiction in terms.

The second group is made up of those who have asked searching questions regarding man and the universe and have become disappointed with the answers which they received. At this point they are in despair regarding the possibility of answers. They are sceptics, not the academic sceptics for whom scepticism is a methodological device, but existential sceptics, who like the Ancient Sceptics are willing to go into the desert; only the modern sceptic flees into the desert of the empty spirit. They are cynical, bitter and aggressive in their encounter with traditional values and are in despair regarding their own motives and desires.

The members of the third group can neither stand the anxiety of emptiness nor resign themselves to the indifference of the majority. They eagerly seek new absolutes, there not being enough older ones to satisfy their appetite for final answers; and operation of their reason, the instrument through which man is supposed to find his human dignity, also to invest human existence with meaning. There can be little doubt of the attraction of authoritarian systems in the middle of the twentieth century, despite the totalitarian horrors which were and still are identified with them. Be it the quasi-religious, political systems of authority; be it the small esoteric circles of a sectarian character; be it the return to more authoritative forms in education and ethics—the trends is everywhere visible.

The members of all these groups seem to have forgotten like his physical culture, has always rested upon effort. The appearance of new techniques in education and the common use of their instruments have greatly contributed towards creating the legend that time and effort are no longer necessary in the acquisition and effective utilization of intellectual culture. It is time that we returned from our excursion into the lands of the absurd and accept the fact that nothing can remove the necessity for work on the part of the individual if he is to escape from the ranks of the indifferent, the cynical, the authoritarian and join those who live in what Eric Fromm is pleased to call "The Sane Society." In a college community this necessity for work is incumbent equally upon the faculty and student body.

Time is a bat  
(Upside down hanging)  
Feet and head reversed;  
Day sleeping  
Crouched with folded wings  
Oblivious  
unsensitive  
Screaming into the night  
Elusive . . .

by  
Kathie Villard

**Glee Club**

The membership this year of the Mary Washington College Glee Club are the following:

Adams, Carlton; Aylor, Lois Eileen; Baker, Barbara Ann, president; Barnes, Jane Ann; Blake, Martha Ann; Blankenship, Suanne; Boat, Marlene, accompanist; Bourke, Frances Helen; Cagle, Margaret Ann; Cheney, Carol Lynn; Crowell, Nancy A.; Drescher, Marlyn B.; Eckley, Diane Elizabeth; Edmonds, Helen C.; Elliott, Carole Jean; Estes, Bonnie L.; Eubank, Berneice B.; Garrett, Eleanor V.; Gouvas, Theodore; Gray, Patricia B.; treasurer: Guest, Margaret, vice-president.

Harrison, M. Luann; Huffman, Martha R.; Ingemann, Judith Ann; Jackson, Rosemary; Jessup, Frances Fay; Joyce, Marlene Ann; Kates, Sondra A., secretary; King, A. Lianda; McCotter, M. Bette; McNeely, Elsie J.; Merrill, Deanna S.; Mimms, Rebecca J.; Montgomery, Sally; Moore, Joyce Ann; Moore, Judith Faye; Morgan, Gail; Morton; Anne Mason; Moyer, Mary Ann; Yafie, Phyllis.

Myers, Phyllis C.; Oliver, Susan E., accompanist; Osborne, Geraldine; Phillips, Isabella M.; Pickard, Gail E.; Rambo, Janis Robertson, Anne LaV.; Schirmer, Rebecca Sue; Seward, Nancy Lee; Smith, Pat Burnette; Spence, Joan Aurelia; Stanton, Elizabeth W.; Swods, Sylvia C.; Taylor, Caol Anne; Vought, Patricia B.; Wingfield, Jacqueline R.; and Yafie, Phyllis.

Miss Eva Taylor Eppes is

**Alumnae Daughters News**

By Mary Montague Hudson  
At the regular monthly meeting of the Alumnae Daughters Club at the Tapestry Room, December 6, Dr. King was cordially welcomed by the members as the new club sponsor. She replaces Mrs. W. H. Lamason, former executive secretary of the Alumnae Association.

Several projects were discussed with the two-fold purpose in mind of attracting girls of high ability to Mary Washington and of arousing interest on our campus in the club and uniting it through the means of a worthwhile project.

Martha Huffman, Mary Massey, and Martha Moore were appointed to the "fashion show" committee. A publicity committee was also appointed consisting of "Angel" Ames, Gwen Stevens, Imogen Daniel, and Joan Llewellyn.

All club members are asked to note that the Battlefield pictures will be taken Thursday, December 13, at 3 p. m. on the steps of Anne Carter Lee. Everyone is asked to wear dark skirts and sweaters and flats.

The Alumnae Daughters Club is selling stationery and all-occasion cards this year. The stationery may be monogrammed or personalized and sells for \$1.25 and \$1.50 per box. The cards sell for \$1.00 and \$1.25 for boxes of 21 cards. Anyone interested in ordering either cards or stationery, please come to Ball 106.

the director.

**Sigma Omega Chi**

At the last meeting of Sigma Omega Chi, the topic of having a Sociology Club in addition to the Sociology Honorary Fraternity was discussed. A committee was appointed by the President, Evelyn Weston, consisting of the following: Bobbie Broome, Page King, Bobbi Falkenbury, Jackie McDowell, Pat Tuttler, and Sandra Menin. At our November 1st meeting, held in the Tapestry Room, the following were initiated into Sigma Omega Chi: June Alisoff, Meredith Bushy, Julie Harris, Sandra Menin, Mary Morris, Alice Niedzinski and Nancy Schutte.

Bobbie Falkenbury  
Reporter, Sigma Omega Chi



**Join THE MARCH OF DIMES**  
IN JANUARY

**GALS:**

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Jimmy Doman

P.S. By the way, if Mom and Dad come up for the weekend, or if the boyfriend comes to escort you to a special function, don't forget to remind them that we also have the HERTZ's 1957 Chevrolets here at the Airport with lower-than-ever rental rates.

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## Dorm Decorations Involve Themes

During the week of December 9 through the 15th each dormitory on campus is uniquely decorated. Each dorm elected a committee to plan the Christmas decorations, which were completed by December 9th, at which time a committee judged each dorm and awarded prizes. The following is a description of the decorations of the major dorms:

**Willard**—Chairman of the Decorating committee was Evelyn McCarty. The central theme was "The Road to Jerusalem", which was followed throughout the entire dorm. Each student's door represented what the girls in the room would take to the Christ child if they had lived in that time. In the parlor were figures of Mary, Joseph, and an Angel, all made by the girls in the dorm.



**Virginia**—Chairman of the Decorating committee was Jean Eubanks. The theme was "Snowflake Fantasy", and the color scheme was blue and silver. A big Christmas tree all in blue lights, appeared in the center of the parlor, with greens used to finish the decoration scheme. Plastic snowflakes were scattered in various places in the dorm.

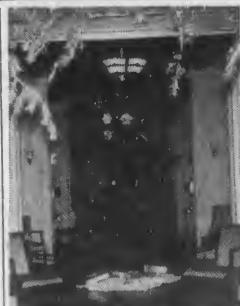
It is estimated that tobacco smoke adds almost 12 tons of contaminants to the air of Los Angeles County every day.

BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS



Thursday, December 13, 1956

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**Randolph**—Chairman was Shirley Mauldin. Main theme was "Deck The Halls", which was sung by all the girls in the dorm as the Judges came into the dormitory. The front windows were gayly decorated with red and green lights. The railing in the parlor was draped with pine and holly. Also looped on the railing were white limbs sprayed with gold and caught in bows with candy canes. The focal point in the parlor was the Christmas tree decorated with red and green balls. Hanging from the chandeliers were "kissing loops". A figure of the Madonna appeared on each table along with a flower arrangement.

**Mason**—Chairman was Betty Beckman. The theme "Nativity Scene", was represented in the parlor by lots of snow, a woods scene of pine trees, boughs, and running cedar, and a creche, which is a nativity scene represented by 20 figures, consisting of the Holy family, shepherds, wise men, etc. Blue spotlights were centered on the "Nativity Scene".



**Trench Hill**—Chairman was Jody Dundon. The theme "Christmas in the Nursery", was carried out in the parlor by a color scheme of pink and blue, and stuffed animals scattered in various places.

**Westmoreland**—Chairman was Yvonne Lewis. The theme was also "A Heavenly Christmas" but was carried out in a different manner. On the outside door and running along the wall was the Gate of Heaven, with angels on each side of the door. In the parlor was a beautiful tree completely covered with tinsel, and blue lights. Aluminum stars hung from the ceiling.



**Tri-Unit**—Chairman was Beth Kindley. Carrying out the theme "A Heavenly Christmas", a big Christmas tree with blue lights stood in the center of Ball parlor and on the 2nd floor dome section was a netting of blue cheesecloth, from which dangled a crescent moon, stars, and angels. Blue spotlights shone down on the tree and at the base of the tree was a miniature village scene. Custis and Madison will follow the same theme with smaller trees in their parlors.



Each American uses twice as much lumber as a Russian, four times as much as an Englishman, and six times as much as a Frenchman.

## Christmas Around The World

By DAVID E. GREEN

Foreign Santas... Gifts are delivered by Kriss Kringle, portrayed by a girl; in Poland by the Good Star, a beautiful woman veiled in white; in Finland by Father Christmas dressed as a goat; in Belgium and Holland by St. Nicholas; in Hungary by an Angel; in Denmark by an elf, Julenissen; in Spain by the Wise Men, especially Balthasar; in Russia by Baboushka and in Syria by a young camel that accompanied the Wise Men.

Salzburg... "Silent Night" was born in this summer music center of the world on Christmas Eve, 1818. Each birthday, it is broadcast around our globe by the Vienna Boys Choir.

Germany... Impressed with the beauty of a clear Christmas Eve, Martin Luther ornamented an evergreen tree with candles, symbolizing the stars and thus gave birth to the Christmas tree.

Denmark... Christmas seals made their first appearance in Copenhagen in 1904 to raise money for a children's hospital. After Jacob Riis got one on a letter from his mother, he wrote an article about them, and they were immediately adopted by the Red Cross as a method of raising funds to fight tuberculosis.

Holiday Symbols... Mistletoe originally came from England; the yule log, holly and ivy from Scandinavia; candles in windows from Norway and Ireland; St. Nicholas from Syria and from Italy.

Legend Has It... Ireland... The gates of Paradise are wide open on Christmas Eve and those who die get in with no questions asked... Greece... All trees bow on Christmas Eve. Thus, a man who tied his donkey to a prostrate palm tree awoke to see his animal dangling from one of its top limbs... England... The Yule log is best if cut at midnight a piece of the log kept for the following holiday shields the house against fire.

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**GENERAL WASHINGTON INN**





By Donna Pethic

Hoof Prints annually takes advantage of this time of year to sponsor a Christmas party for all riders. This year it was held on Monday, December 10, and was a big success. Not only was there excellent entertainment set up by Benny Bramson and Bobbie Kantrum which featured alumnae Ozzie Mask and Anna Henry, but under the Christmas tree were to be found gifts for all riders.

Another Hoof Prints function in which its alumnae have participated recently is the first of our breakfast rides, held last Sunday. Following a fast-moving ride to the picturesque waterfall, the hack was completed with a gallop around the "jump" path. The delicious breakfast of eggs, sausage, and scrapple, was waiting for us when we returned, having been prepared by LoAnn Todd and '56 alumnae, Neicie Sigman. Ummm, good. Let's have more of those rides, Uncle Mike!

Congratulations are in order for Jude Pryke, recently elected 1st Captain (vice-president and secretary) of Cavalry, and to Mr. Kirschner, recently awarded a purple heart for valor above and beyond the call of duty on the breakfast ride.

We want to welcome back Nancy Lee Schultz (what kind of an animal did you say you were) after her week's stay in the infirmary and we hope Hippockets will soon be back in top shape. Myself after her encounter with barbed wire last Thursday. Our funniest casualty of the week is Gwen Gibbs who was seen lying face down in the woods quite a few times last Thursday. Did you lose something, Gwen?

Babs White has her own special project these days...she's schooling a grey three year old filly named Geisha Girl (S. G.). Now straight from the horse's mouth (Clifton's, that is) WE ALL would like to wish YOU all a very Merry Christmas or as Uncle Mike would say, "Giaedig, Jul."

## Capitol News

Entertainment possibilities in the Nation's Capitol are almost unlimited, and as a service to its readers, the Bullet will present a "run-down" of current attractions in Washington in future issues. One of the newest hits, and no doubt one of the most popular will be the opening in late December of the "Cinerama" production of "Seven Wonders of the World". It will be shown at the Warner Theatre (13th and E Sts., N. W.) starting Dec. 29, and will probably outdo even the popular "Cinerama Holiday". Another new D. C. attraction will be the production of "Cinderella" by the Washington Ballet Company, at Constitution Hall.

Plays in town during the next weeks include Faye Emerson in "Protective Custody" which will be at the Shubert Theatre. This play received excellent reviews in New Haven, where it opened, and is expecting to be a Broadway success. Another road company from New York is "The Lark" with Julie Harris. This stirring story of Jeanne d'Arc was on Broadway for over a year, and it started here on Monday. A revival of Moliere's "Tartuffe" is also in Washington, this one at the

Arena Stage. An offer those lovers of the classic theatre, Catholic university is staging the "Orchestra".

Movies in town include "Julie" with Doris Day, at the Capitol; "Lady Chatterley's Lover" at the Plaza; "Friendly Persuasion" at the Ontario, and "Oklahoma" at the Uptown. Also playing are Cecil de Mille's "The Ten Commandments", and June Allyson's latest, "You Can't Run Away From It" at the Palace.

## Civil Service Exam

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for trainee positions in the following fields: Accounting, Agricultural Economics, Biological and Plant Sciences, Entomology, Home Economics, Plant Pest Control, and Statistics (Agricultural and General). Most of the positions are in the Departments of Agriculture and Interior throughout the United States. Trainee positions in Statistics (General) will be filled in the Bureau of the Census in Washington, D. C. The starting pay is \$3,175 and \$3,415 a year.

Students must pass a written test and must have completed, or expect to complete within 9

months, either 1 or 2½ academic years of appropriate college study. The amount of their academic training will determine the grade level to which they will be assigned.

Further information and application forms may be obtained at many post offices throughout the country, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, 25, D. C. Applications will be accepted by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, 25, D. C., until further notice.

## Mademoiselle's 1957 College Fiction Contest

\$1,000 in prizes:

The two winners will receive \$500 each for serial rights to their stories and publication in MADEMOISELLE. The runners-up will receive honorable mention and we reserve the right to buy their work at our regular rates. The winners and honorable-mentions will be announced in the August 1957 College issue.

## Rules:

Eligibility—Any woman under-

graduate under twenty-six who is regularly enrolled in an accredited college or junior college is eligible.

Stories that have appeared in undergraduate publications are acceptable if they have not been published elsewhere.

Stories must be original and characters fictitious.

Length—Stories should run from approximately 2,500 to 5,000 words. We are glad to accept more than one story from each contestant.

Format—Use regulation-size typing paper. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page only. Mark work clearly with name, age, home address, school address and school year. Enclose a 9" by 12" Manila envelope, self-addressed and stamped, or stories received will not be returned. MADEMOISELLE assumes no responsibility for manuscripts.

Judges—MADEMOISELLE editors, whose decisions will be final.

Deadline—Entries must be postmarked by midnight March 15, 1957.

Submit to: College Fiction Contest, MADEMOISELLE, 575 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York.

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## The Origin of Our Christmas

By SUSAN HANNA FOOTE

**Christmas Day Established**  
The Bible does not state in which month of the year the Nativity occurred, and for over 200 years, while Christians lived under persecution, it was celebrated on March 25th, or January 6th, or December 25th.

Early Christian writers claim that the Birth of Christ was made to coincide with the Feast of Mithras, to replace the God of Sun and Truth, with Christ, The Light of Life.

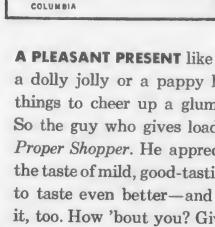
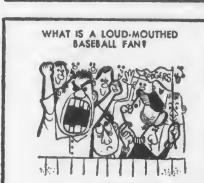
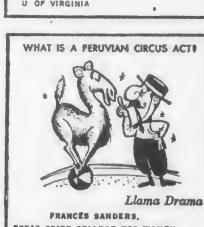
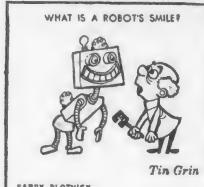
In 334, by order of Bishop Liberius of Rome, December 25th was decreed as the Nativity date, and Furius Dionysius recorded it in the Roman calendar. As pagans were converted to Christianity, churches were built upon foundations of ruined temples and with some of their materials.

Christmas means Christ's Mass. The spelling "Xmas" stems from the Greek word Christos. The symbol for "ch" is the letter "x." Some believe that the "x" represents the Cross, symbol of Christ and Christianity.

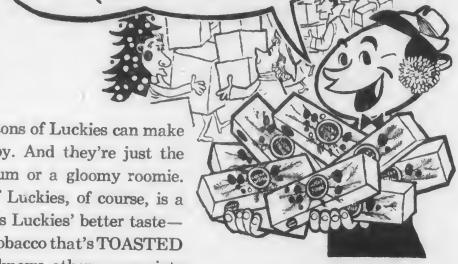
The Greek Catholic or Eastern

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# Sticklers!



**WHAT IS A GUY WHO GIVES LOADS OF LUCKIES FOR CHRISTMAS?**  
(SEE PARAGRAPH BELOW)



A PLEASANT PRESENT like cartons of Luckies can make a dolly jolly or a pappy happy. And they're just the things to cheer up a glum chum or a gloomy roomie. So the guy who gives loads of Luckies, of course, is a Proper Shopper. He appreciates Luckies' better taste—the taste of mild, good-tasting tobacco that's TOASTED to taste even better—and he knows others appreciate it, too. How 'bout you? Give loads of Luckies yourself!



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## The Plight Of The Sparrow

By Rose Bennett

I knew when I saw that open window I shouldn't venture inside. But curiosity kills the cat, they say, and being a bird I'm only too anxious to further the cause. Besides, the delicious smell issuing from within was more than I could resist, so with a flap of my pin-feathers, in I went.

What a big blue room, all filled with long tables. From my bird's eye view (punt!) I watched the aproned girls hustling back and forth with trays full of delicacies they had picked up from the "filling station" in the rear. Scores of little men in white coats were running around tossing various and sundry things into pots and onto plates. That smell, which upon closer smelling did not smell quite as delicious as it had smelled outside, was beginning to upset my equilibrium and I winged my woody back to a chandelier in the blue room. Suddenly a blond, clutching a trumpet, climbed on a table and sounded a blast. The waitresses manned their battle stations and snapped to attention. A crowd had gathered outside the sturdy doors. I could hear their stomachs growling. They were crushing against the barrier, greed written on their lean faces. Mob violence! Several of the aproned girls were drawing straws. The "winner" braced herself and marched to the door. The bugle sounded "charge"—she flung it open and leaped for safety from the trapme of feet that surged in. She did not quite make it, poor soul, but the last words she uttered before she fell were, "Don't clink the utensils during the announcements!"

I was much embarrassed when the gourmets below, looking up, saw me clinging to the light chain and quickly began covering their plates. Now, really, Girls!

Completely indignant, I decided it was time I flapped out of there. But too late—someone had shut the window. Desperately I circled back and forth over the steaming platters of hot dog hash (what a bitter end for any self-respecting weiner) and shimmering bowls of soup, complete with floating seaweed (the Campbell Kids had nothing to do with this!). I'm still up there now, flapping around trying to find a way out. Fatigue and starvation (imagine being trapped in a dining hall with no food) have taken their toll. Also the potent odor seething up from the big vat below. Those three charming ladies in black down there must be the dietitians brewing up another delight to set before the they're muttering!

"Double, double, toil and trouble."

Fire burn and cauldron bubble.  
Fillet of a hot dog steak,  
In the cauldron burn and bake.  
Dirt and hair and raisons small.  
Eggs with straws are best of all . . ."  
That's all I can make out—I'm sinking fast. What a horrible way to die—in a vat of chicken liver chow mein!  
Friends and bird lovers, if you should come across something in your stew that doesn't quite belong there, don't clutch. It's only me. G  
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### Snoopy Says

Snoopy (identity unknown) has been crawling around the campus lately, and has come up with a number of "scandalous items . . . For example, we note that Bobbi Lancaster is pinned again—back again on the same basis with Freddie... We notice also that the Ivy League has invaded Trench Hill—Dartmouth's colors are blossoming . . . and what happened to Georgetown, Betty Jameson? A Colgate scarf is a recent addition to a blonde rider's outfit—Salty? The bells will be ringing to many lucky students over Christmas . . . Mary Lou Fletcher for one . . . Others are still recovering from Thanksgiving. Certain Louisville girls particularly . . . one lucky junior answered a six-month old letter from the infirmary, and promptly was invited to West Point—nice work, Nancy! . . . speaking of West Point, we wonder if Nancy Seward is deserting the Academy or the Severn for its Hudson brother? Briefly noted... Pat Yearout's diamond—the stars-in-the-eyes look of N. J. and M. H. . . .

Seniors are talking about . . . trading those precious one o'clocks... Or increasing them . . . recommendations, showers and jobs... Back to gossip... Nancy K. is snowed over a "Duke"—and not a member of royalty... and whom is Ray R. meeting in a Washington cocktail lounge? . . . Carol Wall will wear a wedding band after Christmas . . . If any one wants to know what the latest is in legwear, ask "Simmie" Simmons... Charlotte Allen is

snowed over a Navy man, rumor has it... Betty Jo O. and Carol B. in Betty Lewis are both newly wearing precious mementoes . . . Liz S. is in olive an. lucky girls! . . . We understand that Liz S. is in love again—with another Chuck, and an intellectual at that!

Vicki Majure has finally gotten that foreign car... Officer Candidate School at Quantico will be host to many MWC girls during the next weeks... Alma Harris recently donned a wedding band . . . Word has it that a male calmer wandered into a room in Westmoreland the other night—accidentally of course. How about that, B. S.? . . . Complaints that the food in the dining halls is "strictly for the birds" seem to have been verified by one small sparrow who flew into North Blue last Wednesday for lunch... The conduct of some engaged girls! Well, when the cat's away, the mice yell, etc . . . Randolph-Macon Men's College, located conveniently short 40 miles from "the hill", was right in the Santa Claus swing at its annual Christmas Dances. The following girls returned to classes somewhat bleary-eyed recently: Betsy Tugge, Elaine Friedman, Sue Taylor, Linda Laudingdale, Jan Rutan, Pat Vogt, Joyce Neill, Betty Bartholomew, Martha Bartholomew, Martha Johnson, Pug Sherman, and Marilyn Fox.

The attentions of some Marines have been felt recently when a aircraft, flying low over MWC, shined all lights on madly waving girls... we'd like to know "Upshurite" it was . . . Before leaving for the Christmas holidays many animal lovers will be faced with a problem—what to do with their goldfish? Really, what conductor or stewardess is going to spend a trip babysitting with a tail wagging, water lover? . . . The chemistry department and all the mad scientists have sorely felt the absence of Mr. Shull... So glad to hear that he'll be back after the holidays! . . . And happy that Mr. Mitchell has recovered from Chicken Pox—but no fair recording lectures! . . .

Just what would happen to "The Hill" if—  
... The Seniors were in Willard and the Freshmen in Ball?  
... A meal at Seacobeck had less than 500 calories?  
... A giant roller flattened out the hills? (Who likes Mountain climbing anyway?)  
... The statue in Monroe was left alone for a week?  
... Bridge had never been invented?  
... Convo was only 20 minutes long?  
... A movie was less than three years old was shown in Frederickburg?  
... Congratulations to all the dorms for the such-a-great job on Christmas decorations. We're sure that Santa will come down their chimneys and leave a "Tall, dark, 'n handsome" for every girl!

That's all for this week... see you next issue... with more first hand scoops.

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### ACP FEATURE SERVICE

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### AND THEN WE HAVE DEFINITIONS

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Cramming — intellectual overeating after a long period of starvation.

AND A COUPLE MORE OBSERVATIONS PICKED UP AT RANDOM:  
God made the world, then rested.

God made fan, then rested.  
God made women, then no one rested.

A girl doesn't have to worry much about her family tree,

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**MAN OF THE HOUR:** One whose wife told him to wait a minute.



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### Placement Bureau

December 27, 1956 is deadline for filing applications to take the Federal Service Entrance Examination which will be given on campus, Saturday, January 12, 1957. The FSEE is given to any girl who expects to graduate in February, June, or August regardless of her major. This is not a typing and shorthand examination. Applications available in Placement Bureau office.

Watch the bulletin board for announcement of Civil Service Typist and Stenographic examinations.

Tuesday, January 8, 1957

Captain Catherine M. Bender, Army Medical Specialists Corps from Ft. Meade, Maryland will recruit for officers.

Thursday, January 10 and Friday, January 11, 1957

Mrs. Dorothy P. Childs, recruiting for Navy Civilian Department in Washington, D. C. will be here. Mrs. Childs will be recruiting for stenographic help and some employees who pass the FSEE. If there are any students (qualified for typists or secretaries) interested in summer employment in Washington, please see Miss Gordon in GW 312 and arrange for an interview with Mrs. Childs.

Tuesday, January 15, 1957

Mr. Weisiger and Miss Sutherland will visit our campus to recruit teachers for Fairfax County School System.

Wednesday, January 16, 1957

Mrs. Betty Utz Grafton, an Alumna of MWC, from the Department of State, Washington, D. C. will recruit for State Department employees.

Thursday, January 17, 1957

Dr. Lindsay Superintendent of Schools, Hampton, Virginia will be here to recruit for teachers.

Friday, January 18, 1957

Representative from the National Security Agency, Washington, D. C. will be here recruiting.

Monday, January 21, 1957

A representative from the Central Intelligence Agency will recruit for clerical workers and clerical workers with foreign language background, especially Russian.

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## The Christmas Shopper's Special

Have you been wondering just what to give that special fella of yours for Christmas? Well, I've been shopping for simply days now, and I've found some real bargains I'd like to pass on to you.

The Wisconsin Sock Stocker's Association in Oshkosh, Wisconsin has a real idea for that guy of yours who attends an Ivy League college. For a nominal sum of twenty-five dollars, this association will sell you a pair of genuine charcoal grey flannel socks. Any man in the Ivy League would just itch to wear a pair.

As for that fella at Princeton, how about a Dartmouth blazer? You may be assured that there will be no other like it on the Princeton campus.

And I have it on good authority that any man at the University of Virginia would love to have a bottle of smelling salts . . . just in case. People's Drug Store is now having a pre-Christmas sale on this item. They are offering a free church key with every quart bottle of smelling salts. Better hurry before this limited supply runs out!

Army B-robres are a give-a-away this year . . . how about one for that Midshipman of yours? (Or perhaps you are a "planner" and bet your own B-robe on the game. If so, you will be prepared to make your Mi dthe pride of Mother Bancroft in a frilly nylon peliperg-noir!)

For that Marine at Quantico, how about rhinestone and pearl encrusted swagge'r stick, with matching cuff links? Or maybe even reversible license plates. (When his car's headlights flash on Mary Washington's gates, the license plates change to read "Camp Lejeune.") These last two items may be purchased at the M.W.C. Bookstore.

You see, Christmas shopping isn't so hard . . . one just has to know where to look for things. So surprize that special fella with an individualized and hand-picked gift. He'll never forget you for it if you do!

## Ode On Looking Into A Mass-Produced Olde Englishe Xmas Carde

Oh, for the good ole' days Of Ives and Currier  
That they print on cards to show Christmas was merrier.  
Oh, for ye old Englannde  
In the days of the horse and sleigh  
Where carols were sung in the lamplight

In the snows of a wintry day.  
But, oh, they didn't have Macy's  
Or the "Gravel Gertie" doll  
Or the assembly-line angels  
So inexpensive and all.  
In the good old days of Ives and Currier

They say that Christmases were merrier  
But our mink stoles today are furrier  
Our people are much more in a hurry-er  
And as the days get much more blurrier  
We say farewell to Mr. Currier  
And his friends, good Mr. Ives  
They led such uneventful lives  
Sans Macy's, Gimbel's,  
Jeweled thimbles  
And all those little things  
That a modern Christmas brings.

## First Snow

It came from the other land.  
Softly, gently, as a kitten on tiptoe.  
It drifted now slower, now faster,  
Down, down, down . . . into the city below.  
It touched the horses, the trees, the shrubs;  
Embraced them for a moment and then hurried on.  
It fell into little drifts, and stood  
Like an eiderdown puff drawn snugly over all.

## The Smallest Package

Tiny steps upon the stairway,  
Slowly, sliding, slowly gliding  
Down into the distant pale.  
Eyes so big and mouth so gaping  
One could hardly see the nose  
That curled upward and reflected  
Crimson rays from fireside glows.  
Onward crept the tiny being  
Nearer to the tree of green,  
Then laid a tiny package—  
White and red it could be seen.  
Then is smiled a sweet thanks-giving  
As it placed on it a note  
One that tiny lips had spoken,  
But one that Nursy wrote.  
With sparkling eyes of satisfaction  
It departed from the few  
Words of love, "To Mom and Daddy,  
Merry Christmas."

## Baptists to Attend Meeting

On December 26th, Miss Lucile Peak, Student Director, and several students will leave for Nashville, Tennessee, where they will attend the Student World Missions Congress. This Congress is being held in connection with the Southern Baptist program of Mission Advance which will be observed during the next several years.

What is the biggest celebration in Japan? Do the Japanese people observe Christmas as we do? How do they dress? Are they accepting American influences? Is the language hard to learn? These and numerous other questions were rapidly fired to Mrs. Kathleen Culpepper, who recently returned from serving a six year term as a Southern Baptist missionary in Japan.

Mrs. Culpepper, a native of Richmond, served as Student Director at the Baptist Center on our campus in '44-'45. She is a graduate of Westhampton College and the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky. While in Louisville, she met her husband, Rev. Robert Culpepper, a native of Georgia.



Souvenirs from the Christmas Formal

## The Origin of Our Christmas

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Church celebrates Christmas, called The Feast of Lights, on January 6th, being nine months after the Pasch, April 6th (the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox) believed by some ancient sects to be the time of the

creation of the world.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII, finding the Julian Calendar devised by Julius Caesar to be in error, formed an accurate calendar, advancing Christmas Day to December 25th.

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CHRISTMAS

The little old town of Bethlehem lay quiet and still under the starry sky. The Shepherds kept watch over their sheep on the far distant hillside. All was still; even the stars in the sky seemed to sparkle like diamonds. The Shepherds were unaware of the precious and priceless gift that was soon to come.

Suddenly, from the heavens, there came a voice, and an Angel of the Lord appeared unto the Shepherds. A great light shone round about the flock. The Shepherds were afraid, but the Angel of the Lord spoke to them and said, "Fear not. Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." The Shepherds were astonished. They looked at each other and said, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass." The lighted sky glistened as the Angels sang in a soft beautiful tone.

The babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lay quietly in a manger, as the Shepherds brought gifts to him.

This is the real meaning of Christmas. But to thousands of people today, it means only a time of frolicking and feasting. If we should remember the teachings of the Babe in the manger and follow them, we would have a better world in which to live. Always remember to put Christ in Christmas.

Huge radio-equipped balloons released from Japan by U.S. Navy personnel are revealing important facts about the jet stream, a swiftly-moving river of air high in the earth's atmosphere.

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New Approach To The Xmas Spirit

Several years ago in Alaska, an Indian made his yearly trek across the snowy wastes to the trading post in a small nearby village. He entered the store laden with the pelts gathered during the trapping season slung over his shoulder when suddenly he stopped.

Suspended from the ceiling he saw a light which seemed to rival the sun in brilliance. He stood awed at the radiance which illuminated the room and which shone without the slightest flicker.

The light came from an electric light bulb. But the light bulb had been introduced to this part of the country within the year, and it was the first time he had seen one.

Eagerly the Indian bargained with the storekeeper for a bulb. In exchange for a number of pelts, he was given a bulb, a socket, and a length of cord. Hurriedly he made the return trip back to his home to display to his family the new-found treasure. With fumbling fingers he stretched the cord across the floor, screwed in the bulb, and pulled the little chain.

Nothing happened. Again and again he pulled the chain. He didn't know that you must plug the cord into an electric outlet. Electricity had also just come to the Northland, and the storekeeper had forgotten to inform him about what made the light bulb burn. The Indian was a very disillusioned man.

And so again it is nearing Christmas time. Next week students will return home to the sight of arches of colored lights over the streets, monstrous candy canes mounted on the sides of buildings, and many other decorations which are common to the Yuletide season.

Vacation jobs, the rush of getting presents, and the bustle of trying to see everybody who is

home for the holidays all make for a season of hectic times.

It's easy to become unplugged at Christmas time. It's easy to spend all vacation without realizing what the vacation is for. You can own the most expensive illuminating kit made, but if there is no electricity, the kit is useless.

Plug in this Christmas. In the language of the electrical engineering, "You've got to adjust the frequency to get the right station. In different words, "Come unto Me, all ye who are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

—The "Virginia Tech"

The Morning After

The sun rose bravely over the horizon that painful morning of January 1st and people the world over opened a bloodshot eye, threw a bleary glare at the inconsiderate brilliance of Old Sol, and, with a shudder, buried their respective heads deep in the comfort of the pillow. Once again the "day after the night before" had dawned upon a rueful word. And yet this inevitable sight could be avoided if only the victims of New Years Eve would follow the sterling example of those pinnacles of virtue—the Mary Wash girls. For the enlightenment (?) of the masses we have print an account of a M. W. C. student's New Years Eve and the Following Day as a shaming example for the few who give a darn.

The high traditions and ideals of Mary Wash are so deeply imbedded in all its students that even during such a trying evening as the eve of the new year their behavior is beyond reproach. Take for example Ima Nangel, a typical Mary Washington girl.

Preparing for the New Year's Eve Party, Ima is full of girlish excitement as she examines once

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more the sweet dress especially purchased for the occasion. Made with a turtle neck and the chic Dior lines, the gown is a striking shade of gunmetal gray, the material the very latest thing in galvanized iron.

As the clock strikes 8:00, our heroine trips lightly down the steps to meet her waiting date who, of course, has filled out a guest card while waiting. After signing out, Ima leaves with her escort for the gala evening ahead.

Arriving at the party, the young man politely gets out of the car and opens the back of the car so that Ima can disembark. Ima, like all M. W. girls, is a social success, and she adds her bit of cheer to the celebrations by joining in gamely in the gay merriment of the other guests. The hours fly by and soon Ima says au revoir for it is almost 11:30 and true to the standards of a M. W. C. girl, she must be home at 12:00.

And so as the same Old Sol shines through her window the following morning, our energetic miss jumps gaily out of bed ready for the day before her. This is easy for her as she is so used to rising early at Mary Wash, full of boundless vim, vigor, and vitality.

Thus ends the tale of an average M. W. Student. The editors hope that all ye foolish mortals will take heed of the wisdom displayed in the preceding discourse so that you too can face the morning after the night before.

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## A Christmas Story

It was Christmas Eve. Huge crowds were rushing in the lavishly decorated department stores for those last minute Christmas presents. It was one hectic race against time.

Johnny was like a hundred other ten-year old boys in New York City—after school and saving his money, he was now ready to buy "the most beautiful present in the world" for his mother.

Months ago he had picked out just the present for the mother whom he loved so much. It was a necklace that he had seen in an exclusive jewelry shop off 49th Street. It had taken a lot of work but finally he had saved enough money to buy the necklace. With great exultation he stepped into the store and purchased the present.

Johnny was very happy and gay no was he trapezed down the sidewalk visualizing his mother as she unwrapped the red and white present. How happy she will be, he thought. She hasn't had much since Dad went away. If only Dad were here, everything would be all right. He remembered his Dad as a warm-hearted father and as a terrific guy respected and admired by all. It was only a year and a half ago that his Dad had disappeared. Then he remembered how heartbroken his mother had been and knew he could feel only hunger toward his father.

Since then he had been the man of the family—shouldering responsibilities that would burden an average ten-year old. But Johnny was not average, his mother told him, he was the image of his father; strong, versatile, loving and kind—a boy of character.

Johnny's thoughts so absorbed him that he failed to see the woman hurrying toward him until he bumped into her. It wasn't a violent collision but it did throw him off balance and caused him to drop his present into the street. Before he could recover it a huge truck ran over the red and white package demolishing it completely.

Johnny was so stunned that for a few seconds he could not comprehend what had occurred. When finally he did realize the situation, he felt anger at first—violent, hot anger at the truck, the woman, the crowd of people pushing and shoving and at the whole hateful world. Numbness replaced his anger and Johnny felt the bitter sting of defeat. He walked and walked, not caring where, not caring how long.

At last he came to a park and sat down on one of the benches. He tried to collect his thoughts, to figure out a solution to his problem but only of the chaos of his mind came only one phrase: "Every man has his problems but it takes a strong man to ward off the blows of defeat." He said the

phrase over and over, not even knowing where he had heard it.

Then it came to him as the drawing sun. It was a proverb of his father's. How often he had heard his father repeat those words to him! Jimmy's father had told him to always think of that proverb when he was troubled and when he thought of the proverb to always remember that his Dad was behind him—and it would give him strength. Why had he forgotten that since his Dad had left? Now it gave him the renewed strength that it always had before. He felt a sudden elation, a renewed spirit and above all a renewed faith in his father. He knew now that he could find a solution to his problem; that the impossible was now possible with his father behind him.

He repeated the proverb over and over until a noise behind startled him. He stopped abruptly for he had seen a shadowy figure some distance from him. All was silent until he heard "Every man has his problems but it takes a strong man to ward off the blows or defeat," uttered by a voice so familiar to him. The figure walked out of the shadows and into the light. Johnny looked at the haggard, stooped pitiful figure and recognized it immediately. ???

## Bethlehem

Under Roman rule at the time of Christ's Birth, and now under Jordan's Flag, time has wrought few changes in Bethlehem. Shepherds in black cloaks and Bedouin headdress ten their flocks on the surrounding hillsides. The great stone church of the Nativity, built and re-built through the centuries still stands over the Manger. In Biblical times the building was an inn. A tiny doorway, 4 feet high and 2 feet wide (to prevent Mohammedans from riding into the sacred edifice on horseback), is the only entrance to the sanctuary. Behind the altar, a stairway descends 12 feet underground to a cave, illuminated by 15 silver oil lamps, which shine upon a silver star, 3 feet wide, and containing 14 points. Here, one beholds the exact spot where Christ was born.

Since 1948, the six-mile road from Jerusalem south to Bethlehem is mainly controlled by Israel, but by agreement with Jordan is opened temporarily to Consuls of Jerusalem and Arab Christians on Christmas Eve enabling them to attend Masses in the Church of the Nativity. In recent years, the open air services for Protestants are conducted jointly in Shepherds' Field, by the Lutheran Welfare Federation of Bethlehem and the Jerusalem YMCA. An unknown

author marks the distance to Bethlehem:

"How Far to Bethlehem?"

"All the way from Pride to Humility, from Selfishness to Service, from Hate to Love, from Discord to Peace. All the way from our manner of daily living to the Shining Way of the Sermon on the Mount. All the way from the injustice, cruelty and chaos of the present world order to Christ's Kingdom of Goodwill, Love and Peace."

"How Near to Bethlehem?"

"As near as the complete giving of ourselves to the Way of Life and Sacrificial Giving of Him, who was cradled there in a Manger."

## Our Christmas Decorations

The Early Church forbade the use of evergreens at services because of their identity with pagan festivals.

The Druids revered mistletoe because of its growth on the sacred oak tree, from whence stemmed the custom of suspending it overhead. Holly symbolized the crown of thorns, on Christ's head at the Crucifixion—the berries representing the drops of blood, and the prickly leaves, the thorns. The Poinsettia comes from Mexico—there called "La Flor de Noche Buena," so named because a legendary little girl, Pepita, having no money to buy flowers to lay by the Creche of the Holy Child, picked an armful of weeds and, as she knelt at the altar, they burst into glorious color. We call them Poinsettias in honor of the Hon. Joel Joiner, of Charleston, South Carolina, United States Minister to Mexico in 1828, who sent a collection of the plants to the Bartram Gardens in Philadelphia. This beautiful plant was first exhibited at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in June, 1829, by Robert Carr, owner of the Bartram Gardens. Mrs. Carr was the granddaughter of John Bartram (1690-1777) the "Father of American Botany."

The Christmas Rose also has a legendary origin. A little shepherdess wept because she had no gift to offer the Baby Jesus. Where her tears fell upon the ground flowers bloomed. Hastily gathering them, she hastened to the Manger and knelt in adoration. As His little hands touched the petals a delicate pink appeared in the center of each blossom. Today, the Christmas Rose blooms more profusely at Christmastime than at any other season.

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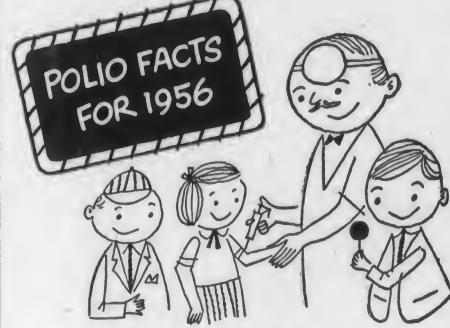
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